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If you could have any animal's front teeth, whose would you choose?

WHAT IF YOU HAD ANIMAL TEETH? takes children on a fun, informative, and imaginative journey as they explore what it would be like if their own front teeth were replaced by those of a different animal. Featuring a dozen animals (beaver, great white shark, narwhal, elephant, rattlesnake, naked mole rat, hippopotamus, crocodile, and more), this book explores how different teeth are especially adapted for an animal's survival. At the end of the book, children will discover why their own teeth are just right for them. And they'll also get a friendly reminder to take good care of their teeth, because they're the only teeth they'll ever have. Each spread features a photograph of the animal using its specialized teeth on the left and a humorous illustrated image of a child using that animal's teeth on the right.

What If You Had Animal Teeth? Details

What If You Had Animal Teeth? (What If You Had)

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Kelsie Zarko says

My class and I recently read What If You Had Animal Teeth! This book was written by Sandra Markle. The nonfiction book has information that teaches you about animal teeth. It is full of true facts and photographs.

In the book, Sandra Markle uses a really cool idea to get readers involved. Instead of just telling facts, she uses the idea of kids growing animal teeth to help readers learn. What If You Had Animal Teeth is also a wonderful pick for elementary readers because the amount of words is not overwhelming. Even though there are interesting facts, Mrs. Markle makes sure to keep it short. Finally, the combination of real photographs and brilliant illustrations helps readers create powerful images in their heads.

This book is great pick for anyone who loves nonfiction and wants to be captured by interesting information with a fun twist!

Chris says

Bear's Loose Tooth
by Carma Wilson
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Rationale for Twin Text:

- *Both texts are about losing a tooth- girls and boys vs a bear
- *Both texts involve animals in the theme of "teeth".
- *Grades K through 3rd would relate to both books as they are losing many teeth during that time frame.
- *There is a great deal of prior knowledge and interest with losing teeth between K and 3rd grade.

Text Structure of nonfiction book:

- *Description-The teeth of Beavers, Sharks, Elephants, Snakes, etc. are described for the reader.
- *Comparing and Contrasting the teeth of different animals.
- *Question and Answer-The "Fact Circle" at the bottom of each page answers how and why questions about the animals' teeth.

Strategy Application that Engages Critical Thinking:

*Direct Listening Thinking Activity-

1. Activate some prior knowledge by brainstorming a list of animals and then categorizing them by mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds. Perhaps do this on the Smart Board/White Board/Anchor Chart where it can remain up as a reference during the reading of the book and the writing activity.

2. Read the nonfiction book, What If I Had Animal Teeth!?, to the students, stopping after each description of the animal's teeth to ask students to share a prediction about what a student's teeth might look like if similar to the animals.

3. Writing Activity using nonfiction and fiction as Mentor Texts:

*Teacher models her own writing: the story of losing her first tooth referring back to Bear's Loose Tooth as a model. Invite students to write their own story. Provide a format/template to help get them started.

*Choose a different animal to write a "Tooth Fact" about and illustrate using the nonfiction model of a "Fact Bubble".

"Book Chat" Book for intermediate students:
Tooth and Claw by Jim Arnosky (2014)

Katherine Tatum says

What If You Had Animal Teeth is one of the several books from a series written by Sandra Markle and illustrated by Howard McWilliam. These informational texts are incredibly fun and engaging while being very informative too! This book begins with a scenario of the reader losing their two front teeth and instead two animal teeth will grow in. This book informs the reader of what each animal's teeth look like, what their purpose is, and what it would like if the reader had those animal teeth. The animals in this book range from a narwhal to a naked mole rat to a crocodile, and so many more!

Depending on how it is used, this book is appropriate for kindergarten through sixth grade. Personally, I have used it as a read-aloud to my 4th graders, and they got so into it! I have used it to compare and contrast their teeth to an animal's teeth or to compare two animals teeth that were in the book. I have had students write a paragraph about which animal teeth they would want and describe how they would use them. Teachers could also use it to point out text elements such as pictures, captions, and bullet points.

This is a "WOW" book to me because of how fun and engaging this book is, especially to be so full of factual information. This book contains photographs of each animal along with facts about their teeth. As well as, an illustration of a child with that animal's teeth and provides a fun tidbit about what it would be like if the reader had them. For example, "If you had hippopotamus front teeth, you'd never need to brush. Your upper teeth would grind against your lower ones, keeping them clean and white." Another reason this is a "WOW" book is because of the reaction my students have had over the years when we have read it. They are engaged and really thinking about these animals and have even asked to seek out more information about them!

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Russell Belcher:

The actual book What If You Had Animal Teeth? will bring you to definitely the new experience of reading some sort of book. The author style to describe the idea is very unique. When you try to find new book to learn, this book very ideal to you. The book What If You Had Animal Teeth? is much recommended to you to study. You can also get the e-book through the official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

Charles Massie:

Reading can called brain hangout, why? Because when you are reading a book especially book entitled What If You Had Animal Teeth? the mind will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in each aspect that maybe mysterious for but surely will end up your mind friends. Imaging every single word written in a

publication then become one form conclusion and explanation which maybe you never get just before. The What If You Had Animal Teeth? giving you one more experience more than blown away your brain but also giving you useful information for your better life with this era. So now let us present to you the relaxing pattern the following is your body and mind is going to be pleased when you are finished studying it, like winning a. Do you want to try this extraordinary wasting spare time activity?

Ronald Dotson:

This What If You Had Animal Teeth? is great book for you because the content that is certainly full of information for you who also always deal with world and have to make decision every minute. This book reveal it data accurately using great arrange word or we can declare no rambling sentences inside it. So if you are read that hurriedly you can have whole details in it. Doesn't mean it only will give you straight forward sentences but tough core information with lovely delivering sentences. Having What If You Had Animal Teeth? in your hand like obtaining the world in your arm, info in it is not ridiculous just one. We can say that no book that offer you world inside ten or fifteen moment right but this book already do that. So , this can be good reading book. Hey there Mr. and Mrs. hectic do you still doubt which?

John Stevenson:

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